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Pathways to Success: Logic Models for Tobacco Use Prevention Programs

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Introduction

- Epidemiologist, Office of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - Word root and history: Epi - "upon", demos - "the people", logos - "study of"
- Background in Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Focus on Assessment and Evaluation

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Objectives

- Give Participants a basic understanding of Logic Models as they relate to evaluation tools
- Give Participants a framework for linking local program activities to evaluation planning
- Give Participants solid examples of Outcome Evaluation techniques



What is Evaluation

- The purpose of evaluation is to convince an audience that program activities are working and to highlight program successes
 - Lessons learned should influence future plans
- The purpose of evaluating can dictate the style and type of evaluation
 - Is a funder requesting the information? Does the public hold your program accountable? Is this an internal audit?

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Accountability

- We live in a data driven world
 - The trick is using all available data sources
- The key to sustainability is showing progress and highlighting changes to improve this progress in the future
 - This should be done in a “clear, factual, and honest statement of what has happened”¹

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Long-Term Changes in a Short-Term Timetable

- Outcome Evaluation
 - “evaluates the short-term (and intermediate and long) effects of the program on the intended audience”¹
 - Expressed as a change in the population with a SMART Objective
 - Remember that a well thought out progression of indicators will help show short-term progress on a long-term goal!



Using Logic Models

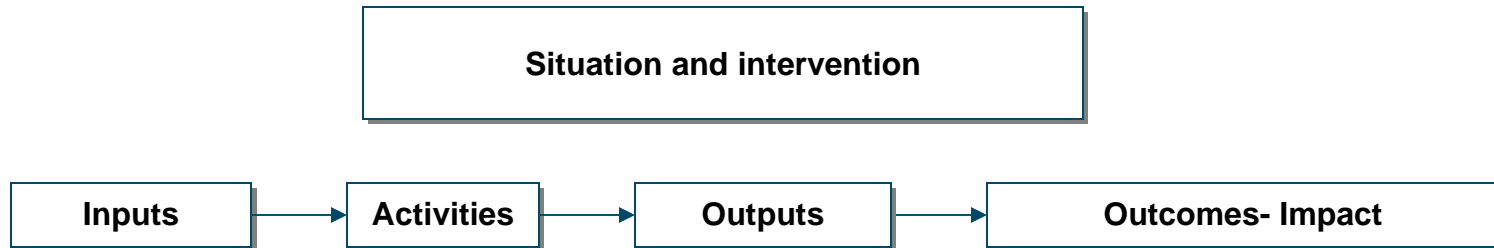
- Logic Models
 - Illustrate program's theory of change
 - Map process & points for midcourse corrections
 - Program & evaluation staff collaboration

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Logic Models

Modified Logic Model Layout



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Theory of Change for Behavior Modification

- Knowledge/Awareness changes
 - Skills and
 - Attitudes/Beliefs which change
 - Behavior which changes
 - Condition
- Environment can be impacted following multiple levels

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Definitions

Inputs

Resources that your program has invested in order to provide activities and achieve outcomes.

Activities

What your program does, including development and implementation of actions and products.

Outputs

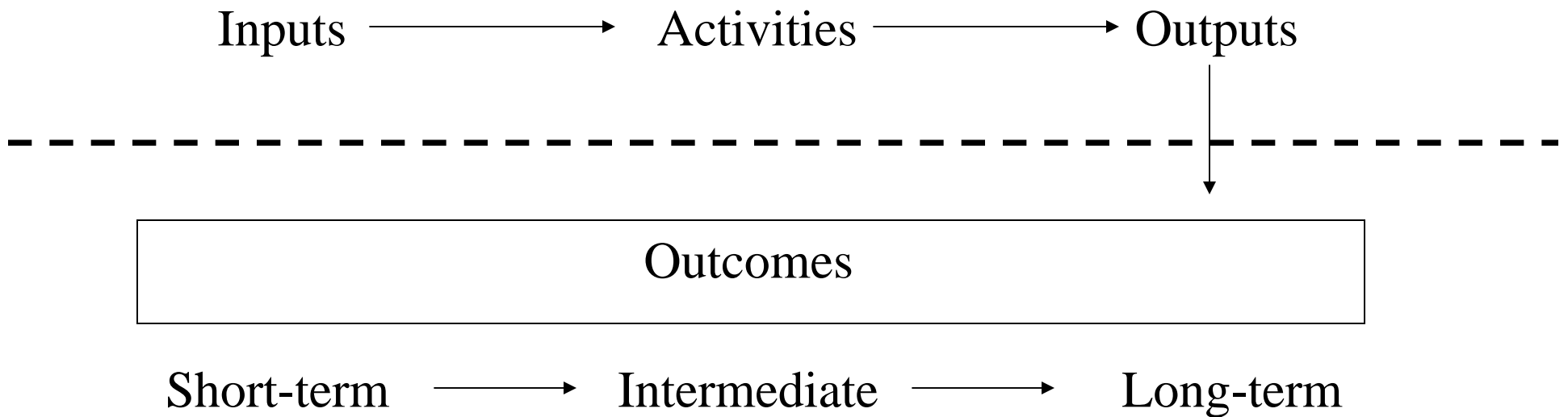
How do your activities connect with your outcomes? What is measured, observed, counted? At what points?

Outcomes

The results: changes that occur as a result of the intervention. Can be short, medium, or long-term.

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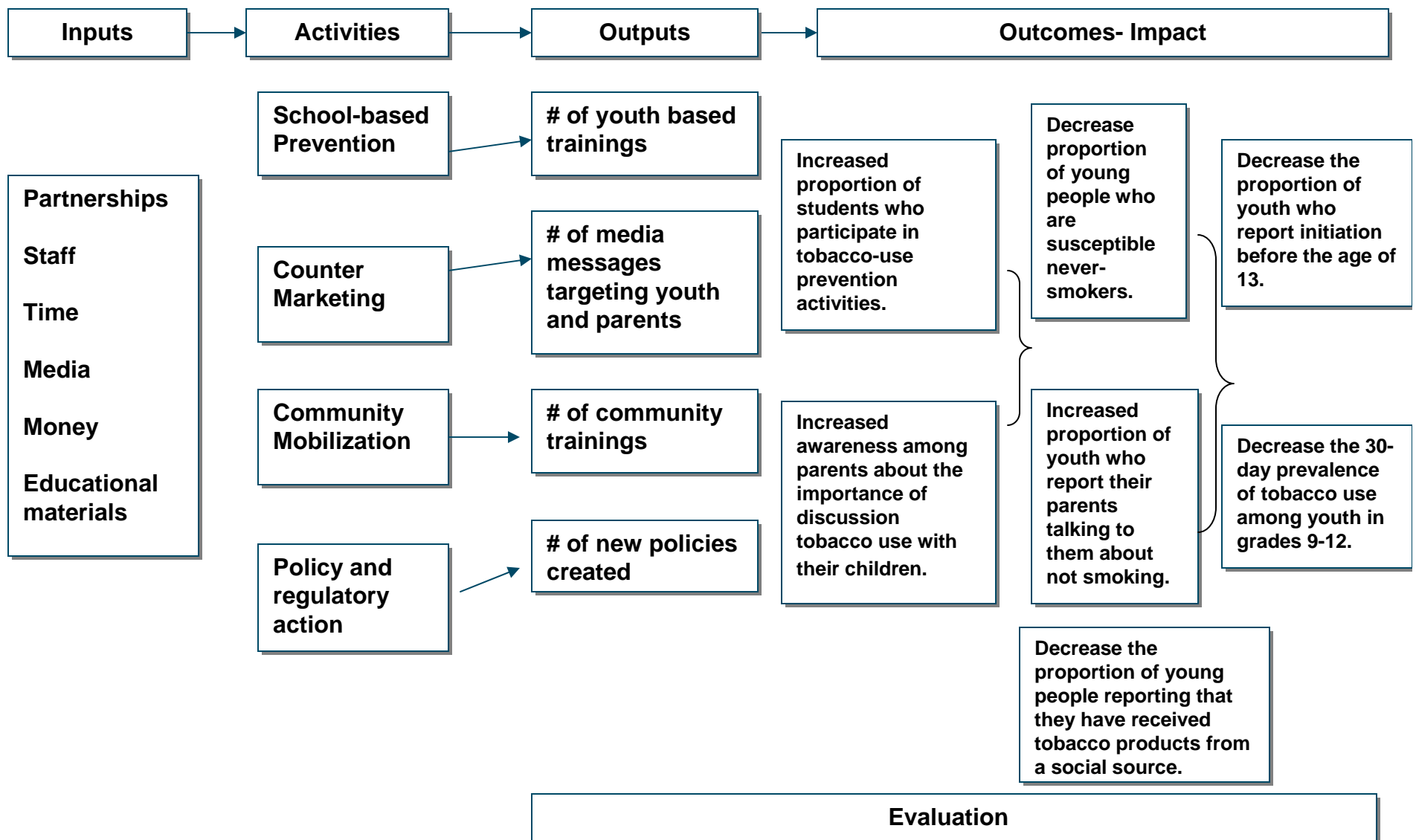
Basic Logic Model



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BY JUNE 30th, 2015 REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12 WHO REPORT THEY ARE CURRENT TOBACCO USERS FROM 33% IN 2008 TO 15%.



Preventing Initiation of Tobacco Use Among Young People

Outcomes- Impact

Increased proportion of students who participate in tobacco-use prevention activities. Baseline 25%

Increased awareness among parents about the importance of discussion tobacco use with their children. Baseline: 75%

Decrease proportion of young people who are susceptible never-smokers. Baseline: 20%

Increased proportion of youth who report their parents talking to them about not smoking. Baseline: 35%

Decrease the proportion of young people reporting that they have received tobacco products from a social source. Baseline: 24%

Decrease the proportion of youth who report initiation before the age of 13. Baseline: 15%

Decrease the 30-day prevalence of tobacco use among youth in grades 9-12. Baseline: 33%

Evaluation

Connecting Program Activities

- Action Plan bridge the gap between program planning and evaluation
- On one hand, they dictate what activities will be conducted
- Yet, each activity contains an evaluation indicator
 - Essentially pre-planning the evaluation component as the program planning occurred



Action Plans – Planning or Evaluation Tool?

- The answer is both
- Remember, a good action plan should detail how your program intends to change a specific indicator
- Evaluating your program is as simple (or complex) as answer the following question.....

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Did our program change the intended indicator by as much as we predicted or less than we predicted? Why?

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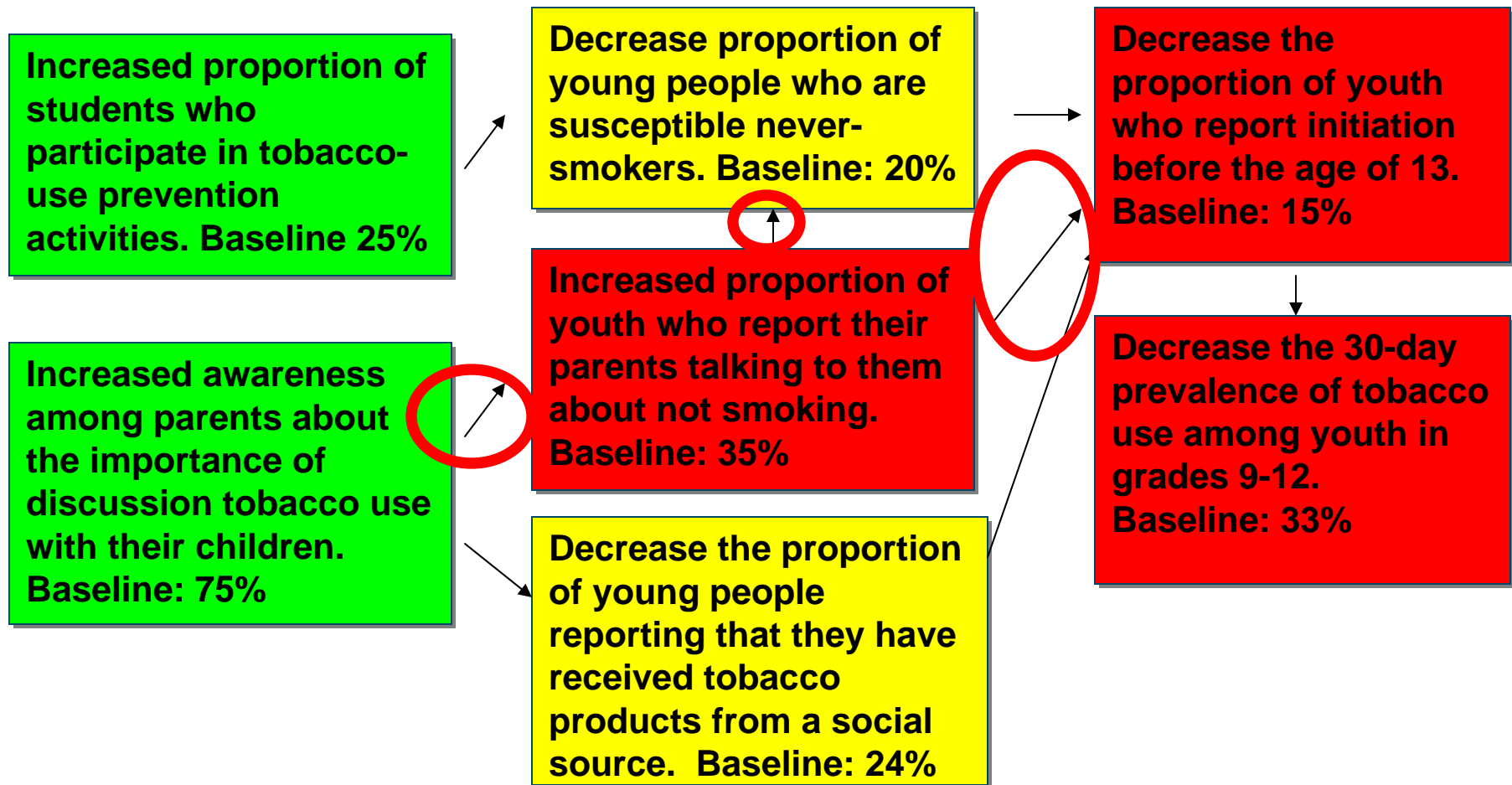
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Influence of Action Plans

- Typically, the same data collection methods used for evaluation are used for assessment
 - Most programs are designed to change indicators over time
- As you develop Action Plans to accompany program Logic Models, you are creating your evaluation points!
 - Annual objectives should directly related to longer Outcomes

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Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grant – SFY 2008
BLANK ACTION PLAN

Program Goal:
SMART Annual Objective:
Healthy People 2010 or other SMART Long-Term Objective:

KEY STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES	Target Group	Lead Role	Time Line				Evaluation Indicator (s)
			Q1	Q2	Q3	4	
Community Intervention and Mobilization							
Policy/Environmental Change							
Counter-Marketing							
Surveillance and Evaluation							
Physical Activity & Nutrition Strategies							

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Evaluation Indicators

- Evaluation Indicators should serve as a checklist for your annual goals
 - If you are able to check off all of your evaluation indicators, you should be able to answer the following questions:
 - Did our program achieve its annual objective? What produced success and what produced barriers? How can our program do this better in the future?
- Often, answering these questions will also track changes along your logic model

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Populating Evaluation Measures

- Local Community Data!
 - What information has been collected by local communities?
 - Program reach, media buys, survey results
 - What information has been collected by your program?
 - Historic data can be much more valuable than novel data collection methods

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Sources

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